

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report; and

(c) whether it is proposed to be laid on the Table of the House and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI AR. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to table the Report of the Committee in both Houses of Parliament shortly.

Visits of the NCM

473. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) periodically visits the States which witness communal riots, in particular, and apprise Government *inter-alia* of the status of rehabilitation of the riot affected families;

(b) if so, the *modus operandi* generally followed by NCM in conducting such exercises;

(c) the details of visits undertaken by NCM since its inception year-wise highlighting salient details of its observations about respective places in this regards; and

(d) the details of actions taken, if any, by Government pursuant to the NCM's report in respective cases?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Minorities, on receipt of information, consider and decide to send teams to places affected by communal disturbances, to make on the spot enquiries and recommend remedial measures. The composition of the team and the places to be visited are decided by the Chairman.

(c) and (d) A Statement indicating the visits undertaken by the National Commission for Minorities, established on 17th May, 1993 under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Most of the recommendations have been implemented by State Governments concerned. The recommendations

concerning the Central Government, included in the Annual Reports of the Commission, are tabled in Parliament alongwith an action taken memorandum.

Statement

Details of visits undertaken by the National Commission for Minorities established on 17th May, 1993 under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 to the places rocked by major communal violence

- (i) On 29-30.12.1998, communal violence broke out in the city of Mangalore and the neighbouring township of Surathkal in Karnataka. An NCM team visited the affected places and gave a report on 27.1.1999. The report containing recommendations was sent to Government of Karnataka.
- (ii) On 22.1.1999, Dr. Graham S. Staines and his children were burnt alive at Manoharpur village of Orissa; An NCM team visited Orissa on 27.1.1999 and submitted a report. As the Central Government later named Justice D.P. Wadhwa of the Supreme Court as a one-man Commission to investigate into the incident, the Report given by our Special Team was initially sent to Justice Wadhwa—besides a copy was personally given by the Chairman to the Prime Minister. Later the Report was sent to both the State and the Union Governments.
- (iii) In March, 1999 village Ranalai in the Gajapati district of Orissa was rocked by communal violence resulting in mas-scale destruction of residential houses belonging to Christians. The NCM team which visited Orissa on 25.3.1999 submitted a report which was sent to Union Government and Government of Orissa. for necessary action.
- (iv) On 18-19.7.2000, a NCM team visited Jaipur and Malpura of Rajasthan to study the situation arising out of communal clashes and to defuse tension and restore communal amity in the area. The recommendations made by the NCM team were forwarded to the State Government.
- (v) A clash between members belonging to different religious communities took place at Muzaffarnagar on 3.8.2001. The NCM

team which visited Muzaffarnagar on 14.8.2001 submitted report to the Commission which was forwarded to Government of Uttar Pradesh for appropriate action.

- (vi) A NCM team visited Malegaon on 6.11.2001 to enquire about the situation arising out of communal riots in the town on 26.10.2001. The recommendations made by the NCM team in its report were sent to Government of Maharashtra.
- (vii) Following wide spread killings and destruction of property in the communal riots in Gujarat in February, 2002, a NCM team visited Ahmedabad on 13-14.3.2002.
- (viii) On receipt of reports that communal clashes had occurred around Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh on account of rape and murder of a minor girl by a criminal in the Mission School toilet at Jhabua. A NCM Member visited Indore and Jhabua on 22-24.1.2004. The NCM recommendations in the report were forwarded on Government of Madhya Pradesh on 3.2.2004.
- (ix) On receipt of information about communal clashes at a fair at Sardhana town near Meerut on 19.6.2004, a NCM team visited Meerut on 22.6.2004 and held discussions with the community leaders and District Administration. A peace committee meeting was convened and the State Government placed six officials under suspension.
- (x) On receipt of information about communal disturbance at Aligarh on 5-6 April, 2006, a Member of the Commission visited Aligarh on 7-10 April, 2006 and submitted a detailed report which was forwarded to the Government. A copy of the report was also sent to Government of Uttar Pradesh for appropriate action.

Development of minorities

474. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether demands/suggestions have been made to Government for 15 per cent budget of each Ministry to be spent on the welfare and development of minorities; and